

Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims


Claims 1 to 9 (cancelled)

10. (presently amended) A method of ~~improving the aesthetic appearance of~~ treating deterioration of collagen in skin, comprising topically applying to the skin:

a composition ~~comprising~~ having an effective amount of crape myrtle extract to treat the deterioration of collagen; and

a cosmetically acceptable vehicle[[,]]

~~wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance is selected from the group consisting of:~~

-  ~~a) decreasing skin fragility;~~
~~b) treating and reversing deterioration of collagen and/or elastin;~~
~~c) treating skin atrophy;~~
~~d) promoting/accelerating cell turnover;~~
~~e) improving skin tone;~~
~~f) restoring skin luster; and~~
~~g) minimizing signs of fatigue.~~

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the crape myrtle extract is applied in an amount from about 0.0001 wt% to about 15 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

NE 11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the crape myrtle extract is applied in an amount from about 0.0001 wt% to about 15 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

12. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the crape myrtle extract is applied in an amount from about 0.001 wt% to about 10 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

D 13. (presently amended) The method of claim 10, ~~wherein the crape myrtle extract is applied to the skin at least once daily for a period of time sufficient to improve the aesthetic appearance of skin~~ consisting essentially of topically applying the composition to the skin at least once daily for at least one week.

Claims 14 to 38 (cancelled)